

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 5-10, amend as follows:

~~CROSS REFERENCE TO THE RELATED APPLICATIONS~~ Reference to Related Applications:

~~The present invention~~ This application claims the priority ~~on~~ of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-304682, filed ~~on~~ October 18, 2002, and ~~the~~ Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-304683, filed ~~on the same day~~ October 18, 2002, the disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, line 12, amend the heading as follows:

~~TECHNICAL FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~

Page 1, line 21, amend the heading as follows:

~~BACKGROUND ART~~ OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 20, amend the heading as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, line 13, amend the heading as follows::

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION